

**SYNTHETIC NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES FOR  
2,5-DIKETO-D-GLUCONIC ACID REDUCTASES  
AND ASSOCIATED METHODS**

**Abstract Of The Disclosure**

5           An isolated nucleic acid comprises a degenerate variant of the  
nucleotide sequence of wild-type DKGR A having a GC content from about  
55% to about 67%, and an isolated nucleic acid comprises a degenerate  
variant of the nucleotide sequence of wild-type DKGR B having a GC content  
from about 56% to about 70%. A method of making a polypeptide, comprises  
10   culturing an isolated cell having a nucleic acid degenerate variant of the  
nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 having a GC content of from about 55%  
to about 67%, or of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 having a GC  
content of from about 56% to about 70%, and an expression vector therefor  
operably linked to an expression control sequence, wherein culturing is  
15   effected under conditions permitting expression of said nucleic acid so as to  
produce a polypeptide encoded thereby.